



# Iowa Department of Human Services

---

## Public Notice

### Increase Pharmacy Dispensing Fee Rate

Posted: August 1, 2018

The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), pursuant to the requirements outlined in 42 C.F.R. §447.205, hereby gives notice of the following proposed action regarding changes to the pharmacy dispensing fee under Medicaid reimbursement for covered outpatient prescription drugs provided by enrolled pharmacy providers under the State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid).

Pursuant to the authority of 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2336, Section 33, the dispensing fee is based on a Cost of Dispensing survey required to be completed by all Iowa Medicaid enrolled pharmacy providers and pursuant to 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 446, section 29 the frequency of the Cost of Dispensing survey shall be every two years beginning in 2014.

**Pharmacy Dispensing Fee:** The Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) IA-18-018 will amend Attachment 4.19-B which proposes to change the pharmacy dispensing fee for covered outpatient prescription drugs from \$10.02 to \$10.07 based on the 2018 Cost of Dispensing survey. The effective date is November 1, 2018 or the first day of the month following the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of the SPA whichever is later.

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:** The estimated increase in Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) expenditures for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 is:

Total Dollars:	\$15,202
Federal Dollars:	\$11,042
State Dollars:	\$ 4,160

**Public Review and Comments:** A copy of this SPA is posted on the DHS website at the following link: <https://dhs.iowa.gov/public-notices/pharmacy-dispensing-fee>. The SPA is also available for public review at each local DHS office.

Written comments may be sent to Susan Parker, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA 50315 or may be emailed to [sparker2@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:sparker2@dhs.state.ia.us). Please indicate SPA #IA-18-018 in the subject line of the email. Written and emailed comments must be received no later than 30 days from the posted date of this notice by 4:30 p.m.